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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 6281

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, TH, LA

SUBJECT: LPDR INCURSION INTO THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 28510

1. BPP REGION 4 COMMANDER, POL. COL. HUAYCAHI SIRISAMPHAM TOLD
CONSULATE POLITICAL ASSISTANT MORNING OCT. 15 THAT BPP PLATOON
STATIONED IN NA HEO DISTRICT, LOEI PROVINCE, INFORMED HIM OCT.
14, BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PROVINCE POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS, THAT COMPANY - SIZED PATHET LAO (PL) UNIT CROSSED
HUANG RIVER INTO NA HEO DISLPCT AND ATTACKED TAMBON PROTECTION
TEAM AT MUANG PRAE HAMLET IN VICINITY OF COORDINATES QV 2035
AT APPROXIMATELY 1210 HRS OCT. 14. BPP PLATOON REPORTS
PROVINCE POLICE REQUESTED IT TO STAND BY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
BUT THAT REQUEST FOR ACTUAL ASSISTANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE.

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2. BPP COMMANDER HUAYCHAI STATED THAT RTA SECOND ARMY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF REPORTED INCIDENT AND HAS AKSED HIM FOR AN ASSESSMENT. HE DEPARTED FOR LOEI PROVINCE BY CHOPPER THIS MORNING (OCT 15).

3. SOURCE IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE LOEI PROVINCE CONFIRMED TO CONSULATE'S POLITICAL ASSISTANT OCTOBER 15 GENERAL DETAILS OF INCIDENT NOTED ABOVE. HE ADDED THAT INHABITANTS OF MUANG PRAE VILLAGE HAVE REPORTEDLY ABANDONED HOMES AND MOVED TO NA HEO DISTRICT TOWN. HE STATED FURTHER THAT GOVERNOR AND POLICE OFFICIALS DEPARTED FOR NA HEO DISTRICT FOR ON SITE INVESTIGATION OF SITUATION 0945 HRS THIS MORNING.

4. TO BEST OF OUR GNOWLEDGE CLOSEST RTA UNIT IN AREA IS INFANTRY COMPANY FROM 13TH RCT STATIONED IN LOEI PROVINCE CAPITAL AS PART OF CPM TASK FORCE 1718. TASK FORCE COMMANDED BY SPECIAL COLONEL YANGYOUN HONG SI THONG WHOSE PERMANENT DUTY ASSISMENT IN DEPUTY COMMANDER, UBON MI85-46 :84;)3.

5. COMMENT: WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE REGARDING ALLEGED PL INCURSION IS TENTATIVE AND INCOMPLETE. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS IS THAT FIRST REPORTS ARE USUALLY NOT RPT NOT VERY ACCURATE. ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT AREA WHERE PL CROSSING SUPPOSEDLY TOOK PLACE IS A REMOTE, ILL-DEFINED BORDER AREA WHERE LOW LEVEL SKIRMISHES BETWEEN THAI AND LAO SECURITY PATROLS OCCUR FAIRLY FREQUETLY. THUS EXCEPT FOR REPORTED SIZE OF PL UNIT, WHICH MAY BE GREATLY EXAGGERATED, ALLEGED INCIDENT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO BE ANYTHING OUT OF ORDINARY. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION ON SITUATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILUBLE.
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